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## WARRANT

### FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 4, 1872.

TO JOHN F. BEAN, CONSTABLE, OF THE TOWN OF WESTBROOK, IN  
IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to warn and notify the inhabitants of said town of Westbrook, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Warren's hall, in said town, on the first Monday, being the fourth day of March, A. D. 1872, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, *to wit*:

ART. 1. To choose at Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will grant and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintainance and support of Schools and the Poor, and repair of Roads and Bridges, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will agree to make an abatement or discount on all taxes voluntarily paid within three months from commitment or otherwise.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will charge interest on all taxes not paid within six months from commitment or otherwise.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in regard to the pay of Municipal Officers.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase gravel for the Highways.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will choose School Agents, or authorize Districts, to choose their own, and to hear and act upon the Report of the Superintending School Committee.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Assessors to make such abatements as they think reasonable.

ART. 11. To see what the Town will allow per hour for the labor of men, and oxen or horses, on the highway.

## To the Inhabitants of Westbrook.

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Upon submitting the Annual Report of receipts and expenditures, we wish to call attention to a few matters for your consideration.

On assuming the duties of Selectmen, we found the affairs of the town in an unusually bad condition. A large amount of unsettled, unreported indebtedness, extending through the preceding year, and large bills contracted after the accounts of 1870 were closed, pressing upon us for payment. We were obliged to avail ourselves of the authority given us by the town, and borrow largely at a high rate of interest, the authorities of Deering being very dilatory in meeting our requisitions, throwing upon us the burden of preparing for, and meeting the obligations as they matured. We have furnished \$16,000 in settlement of joint liabilities—Westbrook's proportion being about \$10,000 leaving Deering in debt to Westbrook, on account of joint liabilities paid \$5,846 32, as per report. A large amount has been expended on account of settlement of affairs, for payment of County Commissioners, Counsel, Town Commissioners, &c., and liability incurred in protecting the interests of the town in the Legislature.

The poor were kept upon the old farm until the 27th of June, with the poor of Deering; the bills to that date are carried to joint account, Westbrook and Deering. A majority of the committee chosen by the Town to purchase a farm decided upon part of the B. F. Roberts place and buildings, price \$3,400. We have expended about \$1,300 on repairs. We deem it proper under the present circumstances to recommend a liberal appropriation for the support of the Alms House and Farm. We were authorized to raise money by loan, to pay for farm. We have not found it necessary. The tax lists were committed early and a large portion of tax paid in under the liberal discount allowed by the town. We have made no expenditure for abatements nor commissions.

The roads have been kept in fair repair at a moderate expenditure, and the two bridges at Cumberland Mills new planked. The approach to Saccarappa bridge, at the N. E. end is in a shaky condition and requires attention; also Bacon street sewer at the outlet. There should be sew-



ers with proper openings to drain Main Street, especially from Bridge street to the brick mill.

On the 20th of March the Selectmen were instructed to cause a good substantial bridge to be built at Saccarappa, and \$6,000 appropriated therefor. We have now a good structure, built by the "National Bridge and Iron Works Co.", Blodgett & Curry proprietors, Boston Mass. It is called "Parker's wrought Iron Truss Bridge," is ninety seven feet long; driveway, twenty-two feet in the clear; sidewalk, five feet in the clear; stringers and planking of chestnut. The expense incurred, \$5,893 33.

Respectfully,

HENRY B. WALKER, } Selectmen of  
JOHN CLOUDMAN, } Westbrook.  
JAMES BABB,

2-19-11 (Pres. Hunt)

82 years old

ART. 12. To see if the Town will erect Pounds, or authorize Pound Keepers to furnish the same.

ART. 13. To see what time in March the Town will have their Annual Town Meeting, and how they will notify it.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize School Agents to employ Teachers.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in relation to debt maturing during the present year.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will renumber the School Districts.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will release the portion of School District No. 7, in the Town of Deering, provided the Town of Deering assumes their proportion of the District debt.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will set off M. Z. Smett, and Capt. Lawrence, and their property, from School District No. 8, to District No. 7.

ART. 19. To see if the town will discontinue the old Grant hill road, from Windham line to junction with new road, near Widow Small's.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will discontinue the Barbour hill road from the new road near D. B. Sawyer's to the Methodist road.

ART. 21. To see if the town will accept the side-walk and cross-walk on Longfellow street, from Ansyl Boothby's, Main street, to the canal bridge.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will accept the side-walk on Spring street, from Main street to Widow Pride's house.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money, to be expended in securing the river bank at Saccarappa and how much.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office on Saturday, the second day of March, from 9 to 12, A. M., and from 2 to 4, P. M. to receive application of persons claiming the right to vote, and for revising and correcting the voting lists.

Given under our hands, at Westbrook, this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D., 1872.

HENRY B. WALKER, } Selectmen  
JOHN CLOUDMAN, } of  
JAMES BABB, } Westbrook.



# ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

## OF THE TOWN OF WESTBROOK,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1872.

ASSESSED 1871.

For State Tax,		\$ 5,491 23
County, "		1,907 77
Support of Schools,	4,000 00	
" " Roads and Culverts,	4,000 00	
" " Bridges,	1,000 00	
" " Poor,	1,500 00	
Town Officers,	1,000 00	
Collectors Commissions and abatements,	800 00	
Discount on Taxes,	700 00	
Incidental Expenses,	1,000 00	14,000 00
Overlaying,	991 22	
Supplement,	528 10	
		<u>\$22,918 32</u>

Total valuation, 1871, \$1,043,667.  
Number of Polls, " 677.  
Rate, \$2 on \$100.  
Poll Tax, \$3.

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## Alms House and Farm.

F. Tibbetts, supplies,	\$32 62	
T. C. Brown supplies and services to July 28th,	61 26	
A. L. Boothby, labor, haying,	\$12 50	
John Bixby, " "	8 00	
Lewis Wallace, " "	4 50	
C. H. Bennett, " "	7 50	
John Cloudman, " "	11 00	
— Babb, " "	1 25	
John Cloudman, use of horse and cart,	5 50	50 25
Lock, Twitchell, & Co., supplies,		37 50
Shaw & Haskell, " "		6 55
J. H. Cressey & Co., " "		50 46
J. R. Andrews, " "		20 15
J. M. Allen, " "		73 42
John Cloudman, " "		27 29
Dwinal Pride, moving paupers,		6 00
C. H. Bennett, acct. services Superintendent,		25 00
John Cloudman, use of "truck" wagon,		5 00
John Adams, repairs, whippetree, &c.,		3 40
Geo. H. Raymond, supplies,		62 01
J. M. Allen, supplies, to Jan. 1,		73 92
John Cloudman, cow,		32 00
John M. Adams, express wagon,		85 00
Kendall & Whitney, wash-boards and tubs,		2 60
C. H. Bennett, acct. services Supt.		25 00
		<u>\$679 43</u>

Appropriation, \$1,000.

## Out Door Poor.

Louis Dalcourt, fare to Canada,	5 00	
Insane Hospital, Nettie Libby,	35 53	
" " " "	34 58	
" " " "	37 31	
Amasa Winslow, supplies Geo. Wallace,	12 32	
H. P. Murch & Co., supplies, Potter,	\$36 50	
" " " Maffit,	27 00	
" " " G. A. Pennell,	5 03	68 53
Samuel Rich, coffin, Mrs. Potter,		10 00
Amasa Winslow, rent Cole,	8 00	
" " Wallace,	3 00	11 00
Mrs. Webber, Infant, Canada,	3 00	
		<u>\$217 27</u>

Appropriation, \$500.

## Farm and Repairs.

B. F. Roberts, farm,	\$3,400 00	
G. & L. P. Warren, lumber,	182 50	
— Libby, stairs,	33 00	
J. Larrabee, lumber,	30 00	
L. Towle, Mason work,	39 50	
Cummings, Leavitt & Widbur, doors and windows,	229 74	
B. M. Edwards, sundries,	107 59	
McCann & Snow, "	18 51	
J. B. Fickett & Co. "	72 45	
J. M. Allen, "	23 52	
C. F. Bettis, painting,	156 56	
N. Boody, brick,	10 00	
John Cloudman, labor,	30 00	
E. J. Pennell, teaming,	15 22	
McCann & Snow, sundries,	9 82	
E. H. Sturgis & Co., sash weights,	7 80	
J. L. Small, labor and material,	287 45	\$4,653 66

No appropriation.

## Incidental Expenses.

S. T. Raymond, Westbrook proportion expense, sale and transfer Town Farm,	\$ 33 92	
E. A. Marrett, baize for office desk,	2 80	
Woodman & Whitney, chairs,	11 28	
E. J. Pennell, removing safes,	8 25	
J. E. Fullerton, S. S. Committee,	18 50	
E. Chase, taking polls,	2 00	
Hoyt, Fogg & Breed, stationery,	68 77	
Dresser & Ayer, tax collector and form book,	4 50	
F. W. Beers & Co., Atlas Cumb. Co.,	10 00	
Kendall & Whitney, plow beam and point,	3 50	
Bailey & Noyes, Revised Statutes,	4 00	
H. B. Walker and others, measuring roads,	22 00	
John Meserve, services, Constable,	4 00	
" " burying O. Potter,	3 00	
James Pennell, services on Commission, and cash expenses attending the same,	200 00	
S. T. Raymond, services on Com'n and cash exp.,	200 00	
H. J. Bradbury, Supt. School Committee,	38 00	
County Commissioner's bill, per award,	198 25	
John E. Rand, services Comm. Referee,	275 00	
Stephen Berry, note book,	5 60	
" " 100 bonds,	10 30	15 90
G. & L. P. Warren, rent to Apr. 5, 1872,	100 00	\$1,223 67

Appropriation \$1,000

## Schools.

J. D. Roberts, Agent District No 1,	270 40	
E. J. Pennell, " " 2,	525 00	
Geo. Slemmons, " " 3,	75 00	
F. Larrabee, " " 4,	400 00	
Otis Brown, " " 5,	450 00	
J. H. Gowen, " " 6,	72 00	
C. E. Boody, " " 7,	365 00	\$2,157 40

Appropriation	\$4,000 00	
Received from State,	61 44	
Deering,	192 32	4,253 76



## Roads and Bridges.

G. & L. P. Warren, C. Mills Bridge.....	\$180 38	John A. Low, ".....	4 60
Ira Clay, hauling posts.....	1 75	John Pennell, ".....	5 00
John Brown, Reservoir.....	8 92	Wm. Claridge, ".....	2 00
A. J. Dyer, sidewalk.....	1 40	Sewall T. Merrill, ".....	6 00
Cummings, Leavitt & Widber, lumber..	63 32	John L. Best, ".....	16 00
Emery & Waterhouse, material.....	4 90	Ivory Hezelton, ".....	2 00
Charity Westcott, gravel.....	75	John F. Bean, ".....	2 00
Ann Barker, gravel.....	1 00	Wm. J. Lunt, ".....	2 00
A. Winslow, pick and stone.....	3 00	Samuel Clement, ".....	6 75
Geo. P. Lewis, gravel.....	15 00	Fred. Plaisted, ".....	75
Cummings, Leavitt & Widbur, posts...	11 30	Isaac Batchelder, ".....	4 00
Emery & Waterhouse, spikes.....	1 50	Wm. Barker, ".....	2 00
W. E. Pride, gravel.....	2 00	Lewis Wallace, ".....	2 00
S. D. Warren, labor and material.....	85 80	Simon Mayberry, ".....	75
S. H. Mayberry, use of scraper.....	1 00	J. P. Wormwood, ".....	4 00
R. & C. King, sand.....	75 93	Jason Gower, ".....	6 00
powder and lantern.....	16 38	Richard Gower, ".....	4 00
Arch Lewis, stone culvert.....	10 00	David Hayes, ".....	4 00
S. H. Mayberry, use of scraper.....	1 00	S. T. Raymond, ".....	22 20
Joseph Barbour, blasting.....	13 00	Rufus Fluent, ".....	17 00
George Barbour, blasting.....	12 00	Lamb Bros., ".....	12 40
G. & L. P. Warren, lumber.....	187 70	W. C. Brown, ".....	6 50
E. Newcomb, labor.....	45 20	S. J. Jewett, ".....	4 00
F. D. Larrabee, ".....	1 60	E. Newcomb, ".....	37 50
Dan'l Conant, ".....	33 25	P. O'Brien, ".....	8 80
Moses P. Larry, ".....	11 40	Charles Allen, ".....	3 37
Nath'l Clements, labor.....	6 00	R. Fluent, ".....	1 00
Frank Bixby, ".....	6 00	Benj. Hussey, ".....	42 21
Silas Hall, ".....	7 80	Jason Gower, ".....	3 00
John Hall, ".....	5 00	Joshua Gower, ".....	2 00
Hiram Jordan, ".....	6 21	Sarah Small, ".....	2 00
S. & H. Partridge, ".....	23 35	Edwin Small, ".....	6 00
John Swartz, ".....	18 00	James Grant, ".....	20 00
John M. Allen, ".....	10 00	S. H. Mayberry, ".....	3 00
Libby & Brooks, ".....	24 75	David Hayes, ".....	3 00
Albert Warren, ".....	2 00	Francis Cobb, ".....	9 00
Henry Partridge, ".....	9 00	Moses Cobb, ".....	6 00
Pat. O'Brien, ".....	6 50	H. K. Griggs, ".....	2 60
J. L. Small, ".....	7 20	O. A. Cobb, ".....	6 00
Sturges & Woodman, ".....	16 00	P. Winslow, ".....	5 00
Abial Cutter, ".....	4 05	A. Pride, ".....	2 00
C. E. Quimby, ".....	6 50	J. & Z. Pride, ".....	5 80
A. Boothby, ".....	13 50	J. N. Hacker, ".....	25 75
I. F. Quimby, ".....	4 00	Z. Small, ".....	4 62
C. E. Rand, ".....	3 50	C. E. Boody, ".....	36 20
Samuel Clements, ".....	43 60	M. G. Roberts, ".....	2 20
Elias Dodge, ".....	3 00	S. Clements, ".....	26 00
Fred. Plaisted, ".....	4 20	Z. Small, ".....	8 20
Wm. Barker, ".....	17 10	N. W. Boody, ".....	29 00
H. P. Murch & Co., ".....	2 00	James Roberts, ".....	4 80
Wm. Claridge, ".....	80	A. C. Brackett, ".....	16 30
John Bentley, ".....	4 00	B. J. Woodman, ".....	17 60
J. S. Wyman, ".....	1 00	Peter W. Files, ".....	2 50
George Pratt, ".....	12 00	S. P. Kollack, ".....	1 00
John Cloudman, ".....	26 80	Deering Colby, ".....	15 25
S. S. Babb, ".....	18 60	Hiram Lowell, ".....	6 85
James Babb, ".....	27 20	S. E. McLellan, ".....	5 02

D. B. Sawyer, ".....	1 20	David Hayes, ".....	47 16
J. R. Westcott, ".....	3 00	S. C. Small, ".....	12 50
C. B. Pride, ".....	24 10	Jonas Raymond, ".....	13 00
Geo. Barbour, ".....	3 00	James Pennell, ".....	4 00
Jas. Barbour, ".....	2 00	Joshua Gower, ".....	10 00
Sumner Sawyer, ".....	2 00	Geo. Slemmons, ".....	6 30
M. Z. Swett, ".....	5 00	Isaac Knight, ".....	13 80
H. B. Walker, ".....	41 50	W. & D. Johnson, ".....	6 60
Darius Lowell, ".....	13 25	Moses Chapman, ".....	5 60
A. K. Walker, ".....	2 00	W. & E. Mills, ".....	7 00
Wm. P. Walker, ".....	1 60	E. S. Boothby, ".....	1 00
Deering Colby, ".....	29 23	Simcon Mayberry, ".....	4 50
Hiram Lowell, ".....	5 80	Nelson Crockett, ".....	5 00
S. S. Babb, ".....	2 16	Osgood Gower, ".....	4 00
T. A. Skillings, ".....	7 60	Elias Dodge, ".....	29 25
I. N. Hacker, ".....	2 10	Alvin Rand, ".....	12 50
Sumner Fogg, ".....	4 87	Henry Jewett, ".....	6 00
Thomas Knight, ".....	2 40	Stephen Cole, ".....	50
Alpheus Pride, ".....	3 90	H. Raymond, ".....	3 40
Joseph Pride, ".....	1 60	J. Larrabee & Son, ".....	22 20
S. H. Mayberry, ".....	64 62	W. Woodbury, ".....	11 50
A. L. Hawkes, ".....	46 42		
Jason Gore, ".....	45 73		\$3,254 40
Ansel Gower, ".....	6 00	Appropriation,.....	\$5,000 00

## Recapitulation.

Orders drawn acct. Incidental,	1,223 67	
Alms House and Farm,	679 43	
Farm and Repairs,	4,653 66	
Out Door Poor,	217 27	
Schools,	2,157 40	
Roads and Bridges,	3,254 40	\$12,185 83

HENRY B. WALKER, } Selectmen  
JOHN CLOUDMAN, } of  
JAMES BABB, } Westbrook.



# Report of Overseers of the Poor.

## ALMS HOUSE IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN.

To Inventory, July 28, apprizd by Commission,	\$735 92	
Bills unpaid,	131 31	
Bills paid,	679 43	
Superintendent's salary,	200 00	
		\$1,746 66
By Inventory, Feb. 12, 1872,	860 20	
Cow sold,	12 00	
Stock sold,	165 00	
Use of Derrick,	50 00	
Labor of men, oxen, and horse,	89 00	
Board of 7 inmates from July 28, to Feb. 12,	570 46	1,746 66

## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ON TOWN FARM, FEB. 12, 1872.

Cart and wheels	\$ 24 00	250 lbs pork,	17 00
Rakes, scythes and snaths,	7 00	1 bbl. flour,	9 00
Plow, harrow and cultivator,	7 85	125 lbs. sugar,	12 50
Tile, lumber, tools, &c.,	41 55	20 lbs. coffee,	2 50
Iron Vice,	1 60	25 lbs. tea,	15 00
Hay rack,	3 00	8 gals. molasses,	4 00
6 Hoes,	2 20	20 bushels potatoes,	10 00
Riding saddle,	1 25	1 1-2 tons coal,	12 00
Blankets and muzzles,	2 00	3 tons hay,	90 00
Spades and forks,	4 00	Shovels, picks and hammer,	5 00
9 chains,	15 00	20 lbs. butter,	7 00
3 sleds and bunks,	15 00	Manure,	40 00
1 harness,	20 00	1 express wagon,	85 00
Collar and hames,	1 75	1 sleigh,	17 00
1 horse and blanket,	65 00	1 cow	32 00
Furniture, beds, & bedding,	110 00	12 hens,	6 00
1 derrick,	175 00		
			\$860 20

HENRY B. WALKER, } Overseers  
JOHN CLOUDMAN, } of the  
JAMES BABB. } Poor, Westbrook.

John S. Russell,	"	50	James Pride,	"	2 00
Darius Lowell,	"	50 73	Charles E. Boody,	"	1 50
Arthur K. Walker,	"	68 35	S. H. Mayberry,	"	11 38
Wm. P. Walker,	"	31 40	John Hall,	"	2 00
Thomas Lowell,	"	16 05	Fred. Plaisted,	"	1 17
H. B. Walker,	"	10 70	Samuel Clements,	"	1 35
Charles Gallison,	"	2 00	John Trickey,	"	10 00
Joseph Leighton,	"	3 20	Charles Roberts,	"	9 00
David Pride,	"	12 00	Sylvester Hatch,	"	3 60
Stillman Estes,	"	2 80	B. F. Roberts,	"	7 20
B. Jordan,	"	5 80	John Roberts,	"	3 60
W. P. Babb,	"	8 50	Charles Allen,	"	6 30
D. W. Hoegg,	"	6 45	Aaron Quimby,	"	9 71
Ansyl Pride,	"	7 20	Moses Quimby,	"	14 96
James Pride,	"	5 00	G. & R. Johnson,	"	7 25
John Abbott,	"	6 50	J. D. Roberts,	"	5 20
James Hardy,	"	1 00	G. & L. P. Warren,	"	19 00
Sumner Sawyer,	"	19 00	Wm. Wallace,	"	7 88
Seth Lord,	"	9 62	Aaron Quimby,	"	7 50
Charles Jameson,	"	16 00	G. & R. Johnson,	"	8 12
Robert Wescott,	"	7 00	B. F. Roberts,	"	2 00
W. H. Pride,	"	6 00	Moses Quimby,	"	9 75
C. B. Pride,	"	27 60	Charles E. Boody,	"	15 20
John Gordon,	"	70	N. W. Boody,	"	5 10
Geo. Jameson,	"	3 20	A. C. Brackett,	"	7 15
N. W. Gowen,	"	4 00	B. J. Woodman,	"	9 60
F. W. Cook,	"	4 00	S. H. Mayberry,	"	11 75
Portland Water Co.,	"	58 37	David Hayes,	"	2 00
James H. Gowen,	"	12 35	Joshua Gower,	"	80
Wm. H. Babbidge,	"	2 00	Wm. Babb,	"	80
Peter Gowen,	"	1 00	A. L. Hawkes,	"	6 00
Samuel Lord,	"	7 10	G. & R. Johnson,	"	7 80
David Gowen,	"	3 20	Moses Quimby,	"	4 10
Moses Knights,	"	3 25	John Brown,	"	5 00
Charles Jameson,	"	4 30	John Hall,	"	2 00
W. Gowen, est.	"	50	H. Patridge,	"	3 00
W. Barker, labor Cumb'd Mills Bridge,	"	4 00	S. Patridge,	"	3 25
George Pratt,	"	4 00	Silas Hall,	"	60
Jason Gower,	"	4 00	Benj. Hussey,	"	36 00
G. Whidden,	"	2 00	Samuel Clements,	"	55 90
John Bently,	"	2 00	Edwin Small,	"	5 40
David Hayes,	"	2 00	James Grant,	"	9 00
Zina Crosby,	"	2 00	Portland Water Co.,	"	6 08
Wm. Quimby,	"	3 00	Fred. Cook,	"	80
John Low,	"	2 00	Samuel Lord,	"	3 30
George Barbour, labor,	"	18 18	Timothy Skillings,	"	26 30
D. B. Sawyer,	"	13 00	Asa W. Pratt,	"	18 00
Jas. Barbour,	"	8 00	Gershan Skillings,	"	19 50
M. Z. Swett,	"	11 00	S. C. Babb,	"	18 00
H. Leighton,	"	4 00	Fred'k Seal,	"	6 00
Alvin Woodbury,	"	16 02	Oren Babb,	"	1 80
C. B. Pride,	"	2 00	A. S. Skillings,	"	80
M. E. Sawyer,	"	2 00	Isaac Knight,	"	23 81
Chas. Jameson,	"	6 50	W. & D. Johnson,	"	17 10
John Jameson,	"	6 00	Moses Chapman,	"	11 00
David Pride,	"	2 00	W. & E. Mills,	"	6 80
Stillmal Estes,	"	2 00	E. S. Boothby,	"	1 80
Barz. Jordan,	"	7 50	Geo. Slemmons,	"	1 00
D. W. Hoegg,	"	1 50	D. Woodbury, est.,	"	1 00

20.00  
6 New Campbells  
1 List  
1 Good Book



**Availabilities.**

P. H. & J. M. Brown, note,	\$2,975 00	
Town of Deering, award Com'rs Roads & Bridges,		9,800 00
“ “ “ “ Town House,		625 00
“ “ “ “ account joint liabilities paid,		5,846 32

C. H. Bennett, account Alms House and Farm,		12 00
Geo. D. Jordan, for old bridge plank,		10 92
City of Portland, for use of derrick,		
John Guliver, “ “		
In Collector's hands,	4,739 37	
Balance account School District,	9 10	
Town Farm,	4,653 66	
Personal property,	860 20	

\$29,531 57

Total appropriation for Town charges,	\$15,519 32	
“ expenditures account appropriations,	11,204 05	<u>\$4,115 27</u>

Availabilities,	\$29,531 57	
Liabilities,	21,383 96	<u>\$8,147 66</u>

We recommend raising the following sums:

For Schools,	4,000 00	
Reads,	3,500 00	
Bridges and Culverts,	1,500 00	
Support of Poor,	1,500 00	
Incidental,	8,00 00	
Officers,	800 00	
Interest,	1,500 00	
Commissions and Abatements,	700 00	
Discount,	700 00	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

No. 4.	Note dated April 25, 1871, on five years, 7 per cent.,	500 00
“ 5.	“ “ “ May 22, 1871 “ one “ 7 “	500 00
“ 6.	“ “ “ “ 22, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	500 00

**BONDS ISSUED.**

No. 1.	Bond dated May, 8, 1871, on five years, 7 per cent.,	500 00
“ 2.	“ “ “ “ 8, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	500 00
“ 3.	“ “ “ “ 8, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	500 00
“ 4.	“ “ “ “ 8, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	500 00
“ 5.	“ “ “ “ 8, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	500 00
“ 6.	“ “ “ “ June 12, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	1000 00
“ 7.	“ “ “ “ 20, 1871 “ two “ 7 “	2000 00
“ 8.	“ “ “ “ 20, 1871 “ three “ 7 “	600 00
“ 9.	“ “ “ “ July 17, 1871 “ five “ 6 “	1,000 00
“ 10.	“ “ “ “ 17, 1871 “ “ “ 6 “	1,000 00
“ 11.	“ “ “ “ 17, 1871 “ “ “ 6 “	1,000 00
“ 12.	“ “ “ “ Aug. 21, 1871 “ three “ 6 “	900 00
“ 13.	“ “ “ “ Nov. 27, 1871 “ one “ 7 “	1,000 00
“ 14.	“ “ “ “ 27, 1871 “ “ “ 7 “	1,000 00

\$21,383 96**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.**

Assessment,		\$875 43
Cash on Account,	\$512 35	
Discount allowed,	26 01	<u>538 36</u>
Balance in Collector's hands,		\$337 07

**DISTRICT NO. 2.**

Assessment,		\$655 09
Cash on Account,	\$276 27	
Bill as Cash,	154 96	
Discount allowed,	17 93	<u>449 16</u>
Balance in Collector's hands,		\$205 93

**DISTRICT NO. 7.**

Assessments,		\$1,355 19
Cash on Account,	\$519 41	
Discount allowed,	19 57	<u>538 98</u>
Balance in Collector's hands,		\$816 21



## Treasurer's Receipts and Expenditures.

## RECEIPTS.

Tax List, 1871,	\$22,390 22	
Supplementary Assessments,	528 10	\$22,918 32
Acc't Town Notes,	4,000 00	
Bonds,	12,000 00	16,000 00
Interest,		104 12
Town Farm sold,		991 67
School Money from Deering,		192 32
Pension from State,	96 00	
School " "	61 44	157 44
Alms House and Farm, oxen sold,	125 00	
James Babb, account stock,	20 00	
T. C. Brown, " "	20 00	
J. Babb, use of Derrick,	50 00	215 00
Roads and Bridges, for lumber,		9 53
School district No. 1,	512 35	
" " No. 2,	431 23	
" " No. 7,	1,883 36	2,826 94
Due Treasurer,	820 05	\$44,235 39

## EXPENDITURES.

Allowed Coll., State Treas. recp't,	\$5,491 23	
County " "	1907 77	
Discount,	808 94	8,207 94
In Collector's hands,	4,739 37	
Paid Town Orders,	12,093 54	
Interest,	262 50	
Pensions,	96 00	
School districts, No. 1,	877 00	
" " No. 2,	626 96	
" " No. 7,	1,332 08	2,836 04
Account Joint liabilities,	16,000 00	\$44,235 39

HENRY B. WALKER, ) Selectmen  
 JOHN CLOUDMAN, ) of  
 JAMES BABB, ) Westbrook.  
 JOHN E. WARREN, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the several accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.  
 GEO. WARREN, Auditor.

WESTBROOK, February 20, 1872.

## Liabilities.

School money, 1861, undrawn,		\$2,096 36
Account interest on note and bonds,		289 29
J. F. Bean, Collector,		229 18
Town of Deering, acct. personal property,		331 74
J. M. Allen, supplies' Alms House,	51 39	
C. H. Bennett " " "	15 55	
John Roberts, " " "	21 00	
S. E. McLellan, blacksmith work, Alms House,	10 12	
McCann & Snow, supplies " "	7 49	
S. T. Raymond & Co., " "	11 00	
Geo. H. Raymond, " "	14 76	131 31
H. P. Murch, supplies out door poor,	14 00	
S. Cole, wood, " "	22 00	
A. H. & H. N. Gower, supplies out door poor,	1 62	37 62
W. Wallace, roads,	2 37	
J. R. Andrews, " "	5 50	
John Roberts " "	1 82	9 69
Hoyt, Fogg & Breed, stationery,		2 75
F. O. Bailey, sleigh,		17 00
B. M. Edwards, sundries,		2 30
H. B. Walker, services,		375 00
John Cloudman, " Selectman,	132 00	
" " " Roads,	51 00	
" " " Farm Committee,	14 00	
" " " Perambulating,	12 00	
" " " Poor,	11 18	220 18
James Babb, services, Selectman,	190 00	
" " " Roads,	10 20	
" " " Farm Committee,	18 00	
" " " Perambulating,	16 00	
" " " help furnished,	8 00	242 20
F. M. Ray, services, Farm Committee,		10 00
C. Roberts, " " "		6 00
C. E. Boody, S. School Committee,		40 00
J. E. Fullerton, " "		22 00
J. E. Warren, Treasurer,		100 00
Geo. Warren, Auditor,		9 00
Town order No. 44, outstanding,		92 29
Estimated expense Counsel and witnesses to Augusta, acct.		
State valuation,		300 00
Amount due Treasurer,		820 05
Howard & Cleaves, Town Counsel,		

## NOTES ISSUED.

No. 1.	Note dated April 18, 1871, on five years, 7 per cent.,	\$1,000 00
" 2.	" " " " 25, 1871 " " " 7 " "	1,000 00
" 3.	" " " " 25, 1871 " " " 7 " "	500 00



TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS OF WESTBROOK.  
For the Year ending February, 1872.

Name of District.	Number.	AGENT.	TEACHERS.	No. Scholars.	Whole Attendance.			Average Attendance.		Length in Days of School.	Amt. of Money per District.	Amt. of Money per Scholar.	Wages per Mo. Teachers
					Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.			
Saco Street, GRAMMAR, PRIMARY.	1	J. D. Roberts.	S. H. Hatch.	104	51	45	21	35	20	16	\$ 470 40	\$4 60	\$50 00
Main Street, HIGH, INTERMEDIATE.	2	E. J. Pennell.	Ella G. Chase.	268			28		36	65		4 05	30 00
PRIMARY.			C. F. Mabery.		59		61	48	55	70	1,085 40		60 00
			M. C. Barker.										38 00
			L. J. Staples.		53		57	48	40	45			36 00
			"										38 00
			"										38 00
			"										38 00
Spruce Street, GRAMMAR, PRIMARY.	3	George Stemons.	Mary E. Stemons.	22	9		40	8	50	30	200 64	9 17	23 00
Cumberland Mills, GRAMMAR, PRIMARY.	4	F. D. Larrabee.	George B. Leavitt.	4*			13		11	60	55 00*	4 53	42 00
North Street, GRAMMAR, PRIMARY.	5	O. C. Brown.	Daniel H. Dole.	127	68		32	54	28	73	584 20		40 00
			Sarah L. Chubbuck.	21*						69	85 20*		50 00
			Lizzie M. Griggs.	220	34		45	30	37	75	891 00	4 05	46 00
			John J. Bodge.							50			36 00
			Hattie E. Brown.		44		40	34	17	36			63 00
			"							50			32 00
			"							50			32 00
			"							70			32 00
Duckpond, PRIMARY.	6	James H. Gowen.	Maggie J. Small.	74	44		28	40	20	45	387 76	5 24	55 00
Pride's Corner.	7	C. E. Boody.	J. G. Anthoine.	86	54		57	43	51	60	442 04	5 08	36 00
			Viola R. Knibball.	11*						60	51 12*		25 00
			Abbie Lowell.							60			25 00
			John Stephenson, Jr.							62			60 00

\* Deering.

## Report of the Superintending School Committee.

THE Superintending School Committee of the town of Westbrook, beg leave to submit the following report of the condition of the schools under their charge during the municipal year 1871-72.

### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Money raised for support of schools,	\$4,000 00
" received from school fund,	61 44
" " Deering,	192 32
Amount of money per scholar,	4 64
" raised by town in excess of sum required by law,	1,112 00
Whole number of scholars, 874.	

### SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Whole number attending Summer term, 416; Average number, 334; Percentage of average attendance to whole number .37; Average wages, female per month, \$33.20; Average length of Summer term in days, 52½.

### WINTER SCHOOLS.

Whole number attending Winter term, 495; Average number attending Winter term, 392; Percentage of average attendance to whole number, .43; Average wages female teachers per month, \$34.20; Average wages male teachers per month, 56.50; Average length of Winter term in days, 68½.

Five of the seven districts had Fall terms, averaging 45 days each.

The school house in No. 2, has been newly painted and shingled, and presents as fine an outward appearance as any in town.

The house in No. 6, is sadly out of repair, and something will probably be done the ensuing year. M. Z. Swett and Capt. Lawrence have made application to be set off from District No. 6, and annexed to District No. 7. Their reason is that the school house in No. 7, is much easier of access to their children. Your committee would recommend the change.

Although the attendance has been much below what we desire, there have been instances of punctuality worthy to be made public. The following scholars have not lost a single half day during the year: Ella S. Brackett, Idella H. Hale, Mattie M. Roberts, Nellie Walker, W. Ernest Walker, Sarah Waters, Nellie Doolan, Lennie Adams, Annie L. Towle, Nellie O'Brien, S. A. Kollock, D. A. Haskell, Mary A. Thorne,



Ada F. Lewis, Frank Allen and Hattie Hall. There may have been others whose names have been overlooked. Presuming that it might be interesting to know the names of those who lost no time during a single term, we give them hoping that the number may be largely increased in the next report :

Nora Murch, Helen Murch, Dora Bailey, Jessie Blakely, Arthur W. Ricker, Willie Swett, Lizzie Mayhew, Etta A. Sturgis, Flora E. Small, Etta C. Brackett, A. M. Cloudman, Mary J. Allen, Ida M. Bailey, Cora H. Hale, Fred. Leavitt, Jenny Pride, Nelly Pride, Hattie Pride, Clara Pride, George Smith, Emma L. Smith, Bessie Roberts, George H. Lowell, H. Percy Walker, George Pride, Charles B. Walker, Elmer Pennell, Nellie Leighton, Frank Roberts, Florence E. Roberts, Hattie L. Conant, Leonard J. Nason, Nelson Anthoine, Ambrose Anthoine, Nellie Lewis, Celia Gladhill, Anna Verrill, Josie Smith, Walter Allen, Louise Bickford, George Edwards, Nellie Hall, Nelly Bettis, Carrie Small, Thomas Murray, Mathew Durgin, Henry Pride, Roscoe Jack, Anna Watson, Willie Brown, Carrie Cook, Lulie Gowen, Jason Gowen, Levi Gowen and Cornelia Small.

The schools during the year, have been as good as the average of district schools in the State. The better schools in the neighboring towns, have attracted some of our more advanced scholars, and so lowered the standard of scholarship in our own.

The question upon which your committee are to report is not—are the schools as good as they were ten years ago. The proper inquiry is, are they as good as they might be now—after so much attention has been given to education during these past years? We may have been up with the times ten years ago—But if other towns have been improving their educational advantages while we were standing still, we are now ten years behind the time. When we look at our new houses we can see that we have made some improvement. We should not forget that a poor school may be kept in a fine house. When your committee compare your schools with others, they find many points which need improvement.

There is an inequality in school priveleges which should not exist in the same town. Two men who live within a stones throw of each other attend town meeting. They both vote to raise a certain sum for school expenses. From this fund a school is supported twelve weeks in a year for one of them; the other has a school for his children twenty-five weeks in a year. If the short school is lengthened by hiring cheap teachers no advantage is gained. No district line ought to make such an inequality between citizens of the same town.

There is a chaotic classification in all the schools which makes it impossible for the teacher to do justice to the pupils. Six hours is devoted to twenty classes, when ten would be too many. The teacher has to hurry from one class to another without giving either the assistance and explanation which it needs. There can be little or nothing of that which in the best schools is called a "thorough drill," under such circumstances. If the teacher and school have become so accustomed to this galloping process as to be satisfied with it, so much the worse for the scholars.

Young children and older scholars are in the same school. The child



of seven needs a different kind of government from the young man or maiden of seventeen, yet the teacher is compelled to govern them by the same general rules—or shows a discrimination which detracts from the respect which the school has for him.

Some teachers naturally and by experience are better adapted for younger scholars, some for older. In our mixed schools we have found there was a part of the school over which the teacher failed to gain the best influence. The fault was in the system.

Our schools have suffered from constant changes in teachers. The ante-deluvian notion that a cultured lady cannot teach large boys—leads to a change twice a year. The system by which the *Agents engage the teachers instead of the Committee*—often leads a teacher to change from one district to another. Sometimes one district draws against the other. Whatever the reason may be, this constant change is injurious to the school. It takes one term for a teacher to get thoroughly acquainted with the individual needs of the scholars. By the time the school is accustomed to the wise methods of one teacher the term is almost gone; the next term must be spent in becoming accustomed to different methods equally wise of a different teacher. The new teacher must necessarily classify according to the whims of the scholars, and learn his mistake when it is too late to rectify it.

We have to regret that children leave the Winter school at an early age, even when the parents would be willing to make sacrifices to have them remain. The idea that a scholar can ever become too old or too large to attend Summer schools should be carefully discouraged. Advanced scholars must leave town to pursue their studies. It seems unfortunate that a town of wealth like ours, should compel its children to go away in order to get an education which a good High School would supply. Those who have means do not suffer. But many are deprived of advantages which they desire and which would make them better citizens.

The costliness of schools is often made the subject of discussion. These faults are costly. We pay for them with the ignorance of our children. They learn much; they might learn much more if these faults could be removed. The children of fourteen in graded schools are farther advanced than children of seventeen who attend nothing but our town schools. Those who have bright, active intellects, do not suffer so much. But what we call the ordinary children who constitute nineteen-twentieths of all our schools, fail of getting the thorough knowledge of even what they do pass over—which the common school ought to give.

When the children are grown up they must pay for these faults in our school system by working for less wages. Muscle is at a discount in this age, and is constantly sinking. Brains are at a premium, and are constantly rising. The teamster must give way to the engineer and the baggage master. It takes a clearer head to drive an engine than to drive a team. While most of the labor was performed by hand, a man of strong muscles could compete with his more intelligent neighbor. But the introduction of machinery into all departments of life, sinks those who can only work with the hands. Our children must compete with those

Another objection is that many go to school but half a year, and it would be hard for them to fall into classes which were attending the whole year. We cannot form new classes without breaking up our system. If we do not form new classes they would suffer. To this we would answer, that on the old system, everybody suffers. Better to have a few discommoded, than all. There would not however be so much trouble as we would at first suppose.

If there was a regular grade of classes, and a scholar entered a new class each year, there would be more ambition to remain in school the whole year. Parents and children would see the advantage of attendance in Summer as well as in Winter. There are few parents who could not, if they thought it would pay, send their children all the year until they were fifteen. In the graded system a child at fifteen, would be as far advanced as he is now at eighteen. Arrangements could be made by which the three months scholar could be received into classes so as to be benefited by the change.

Perhaps an objection may be raised on the ground of cost. Even with the \$4,000 which we now raise, our schools will be much better under the graded system than as they are at present. There is a mistake often made in regard to the extra expense of the graded system. The expense of our city schools do not come from the system which they adopt—but from the number of scholars for which they have to provide. Though it will involve the extra expense of one or two houses, we hope that a few thousand dollars will not be permitted to stand between us and the welfare of our children. We do not wish to have old Westbrook stand still while all the world is moving.

It may occur to some in the form of an objection that this is a new and costly experiment. It is nothing new; all of our cities and many of our large towns throughout the North, have adopted it. The West never shackled itself with the district system; those who were prominent in educational matters had seen the great faults of the system, and were careful not to inflict it upon themselves. We have some graded schools in our own town, and though they would be much more useful if they formed part of a system which included the whole town, yet we see what an advantage they are. The graded system under the control of a town committee is no experiment. It has been tried thoroughly and proved a success. The only questions are whether there are scholars enough, whether they live near enough together, and whether the town has enterprise and interest in education enough to adopt the system which has proved a success wherever it has been tried. Every one must see that the town is populous enough.

It is the opinion of your Committee, which they respectfully submit; that all the parts of the town are compactly settled enough to make the system work advantageously to all. The last question does not devolve upon your Committee to answer.

Some trouble may arise from the fact that one district is in debt, another needs a new house; those who live in districts which have good houses free from debt, may feel unwilling to vote to give up their property, and then be taxed to pay the debts, or build the house, of another District. It would be a penny-wise and pound-foolish policy for members



of one District to oppose what would be a great advantage to themselves because others would get more benefit than they. It is true some Districts would gain the benefit at a less cost than others. Those upon whom the first cost would fall a little heavy, would be more than compensated for the extra dollar by the change.

Against these objections your Committee would offset the following reasons for a change: Equal school privileges for every scholar in town, in whatever District they live; the younger scholars will be in schools by themselves, and their rights would not be overshadowed by the older scholars. The regular gradation would encourage scholars to remain longer in school. Fewer classes would give teachers more time for each class. Greater permanency of teachers will be secured. In a few years there will be a great improvement in teachers, and improved opportunities for advanced scholars. In some Districts we have graded schools, but they are graded by age rather than scholarship, so that but little is accomplished.

It is only by judging the actual by the possible, that we can tell the true condition of our schools. Though they may stand high compared with what they have been, yet the excellence of a graded system, which we can have, makes our present attainments almost a failure.

J. E. FULLERTON, } Superintending  
C. E. BOODY, } School Committee.

whose minds have been made active and clear and exact by the thorough discipline of better schools. Of course they will fail. They will have to work for .50 or \$1.00 or 2.00 a day less than they might have earned if we had given them better schools.

The fact is the cost of graded schools must be met. If we do not pay for them and have them, our children will pay for them without having them. If there are 420 boys in our schools, two-thirds of them in ten years, will average fifty cents a day less than if we had graded schools, which makes \$1.400 a year, the cost of our district system. These are the exact possible figures.

We pay for these faults by a decreased value of our property. We are near a city and in easy communication with it by railroad. Many men who do business in the city prefer to live in the country, but are deterred by the fact that their children would leave many school privileges if they should come. Should we give them as good privileges as they have in the city many would buy land and build houses in our town. This would give us a market nearer home and increase the value of our property. The towns which have grown up around Boston have vied with each other to present the most perfect school system. When land is advertised they are very careful to speak of the school privileges.

While these faults exist, we do not get the worth of the money we raise. Our children could have greater privileges for the same money under a different system. In speaking of these faults, the Committee are describing the schools of any town which maintains the district system. But it does not satisfy a man who has a farm of cold, damp land, to tell him it is as good as those of his neighbors. He would much prefer to be told how he may improve it.

Your Committee know that no school system can be perfect, yet they think that these costly faults can be remedied. They have been remedied in other places. They recommend that the town assume the property of the several school districts; that they take entire control of the schools which they now support, and govern them by one Committee for the whole town instead of leaving part of the power in the hands of district Agents. That they establish graded schools throughout the town, and that they furnish one High School for all the advanced scholars, in short, that they establish the graded school system. Certain objections to this arrangement have been considered by the Committee which might occur to you also, and so they will speak of them.

Granting that the graded system is the best, it may be urged that it will work well where people live compactly, but in the country, if we abolish the districts, the children will have to go too far to school. We do not intend to abolish the districts, although some changes would be necessary in the districts on account of the division of the town. The districts would remain, but have no separate power.

It would be necessary to have a Primary School in each. The older scholars would go farther to a better school. We should divide the town into four districts for the Grammar Schools. Those who are advanced enough to enter the High School when it was formed, would be as willing to go a few miles to a free school as they are to go to Deering or Gorham to expensive schools.